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Data That Sings

ASSESSING TRENDS THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILES



Overview

Assessing data sources

Data source examples

Only in Seattle data project

Live / Work / Shop / Play Model

As long as these metrics are going in the right direction, everything else follows:

LIVE: Population tracks well with construction deliveries, apartment rents and employment.

WORK: Employment growth tracks well with office occupancy and absorption.

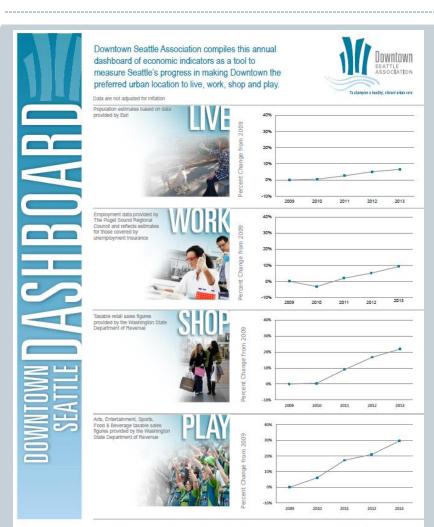
SHOP: Retail sales tracks well with convention attendance, retail jobs and retail occupancy

PLAY: entertainment and food/drink spending traks well with hotel revenue; also track generally well with entertainment and food service jobs and somewhat (though not always) with attendance at venues, museums, and conventions.

The "Dashboard"

What is it?

- An overview
- Intuitive
- Easy to read
- Quickly understood

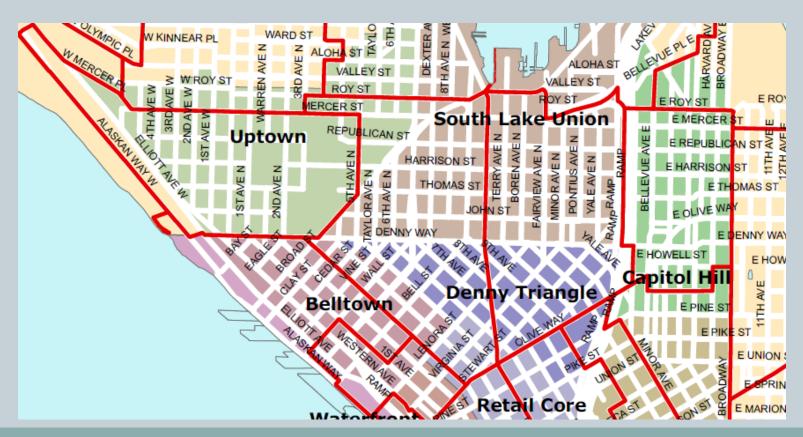


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Assessing Data Sources

- What are your boundaries?
- How well do Census tracts match?



Assessing Data Sources (cont'd)

- o Can you replicate this each year?
 - The most important thing when trending is to have apples-toapples data each year.
 - ➤ Mixing sources = NOT ideal
 - ▼ Understand the limitations of your data

Assessing Data Sources (cont'd)

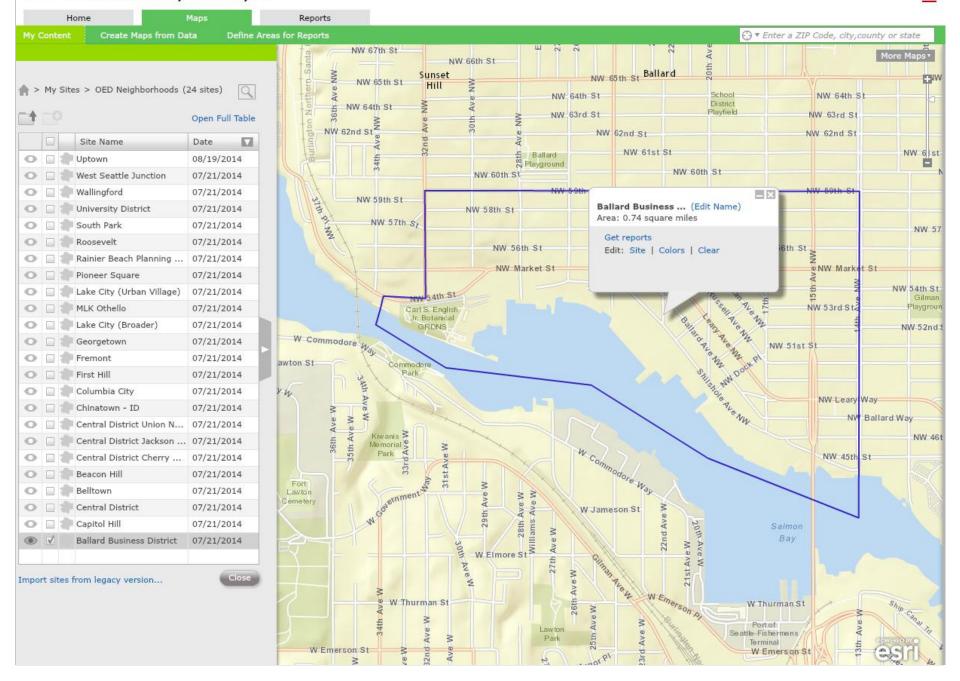
Paid versus free sources

<u>Paid Sources</u>	<u>Free Sources</u>
Easier to use	No Cost
Quicker to use	More transparent methodology
May have more current estimates	Historic data usually more readily available
Not subject to federal funding changes	Most paid services are largely based on free sources
Boundaries (usually) more customizable	Widely used and recognized

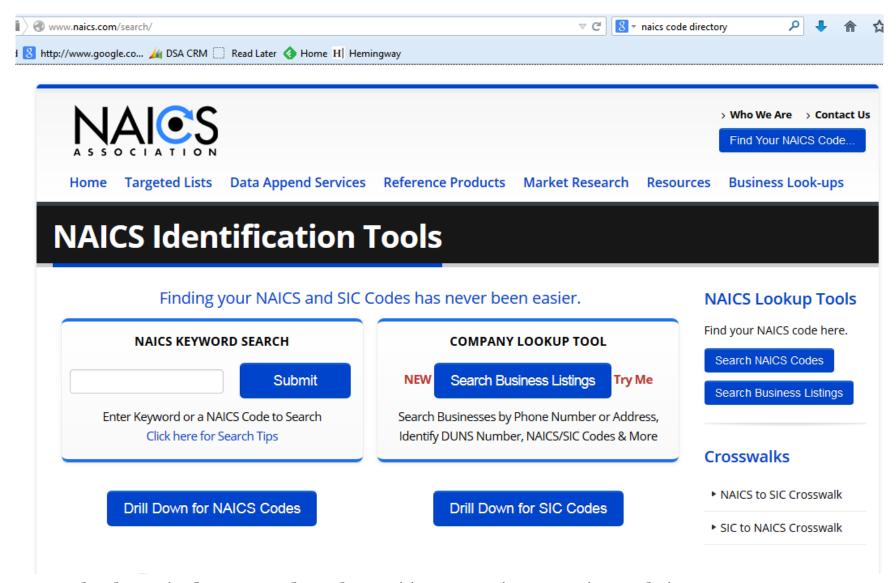
Data Sources: Some Examples

- Subscription Services (Esri)
- Government Websites (e.g. Census Bureau)
- Direct Requests (Department of Revenue, PSRC)

Esri Community Analyst







To look up industry codes: http://www.naics.com/search/

Making Data Requests



SEARCH



Population & Housing

Employment

Transportation Data

GIS & Maps

Models & Tools

Forecasts

Research

Regional Data Profile

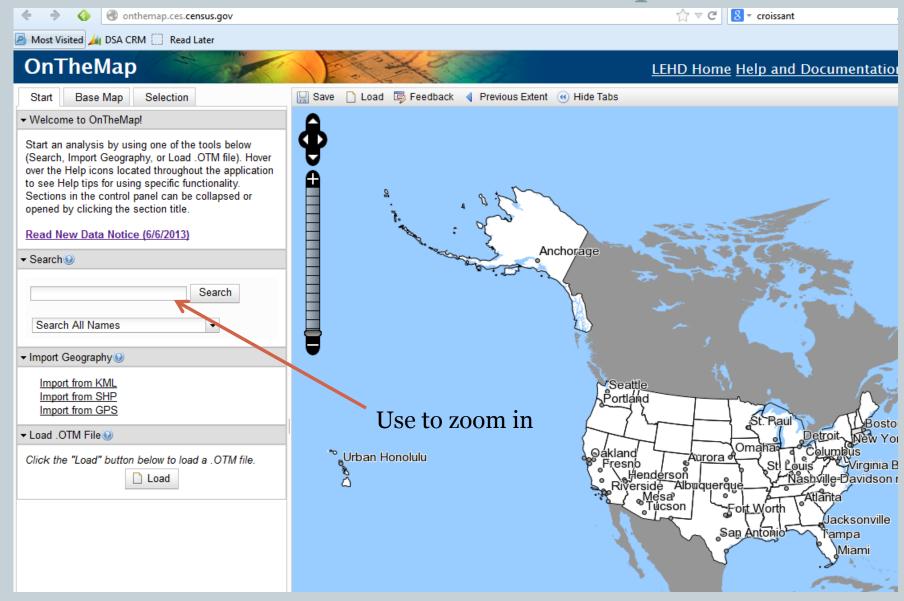
through our standard data products. Please read through our terms of request and use to understand what custom data and services we are able to provide. The form is intended to ensure timely follow-up on requests and to allow us to better understand member data needs. Please contact Marina King, 206-389-2878, with any questions.

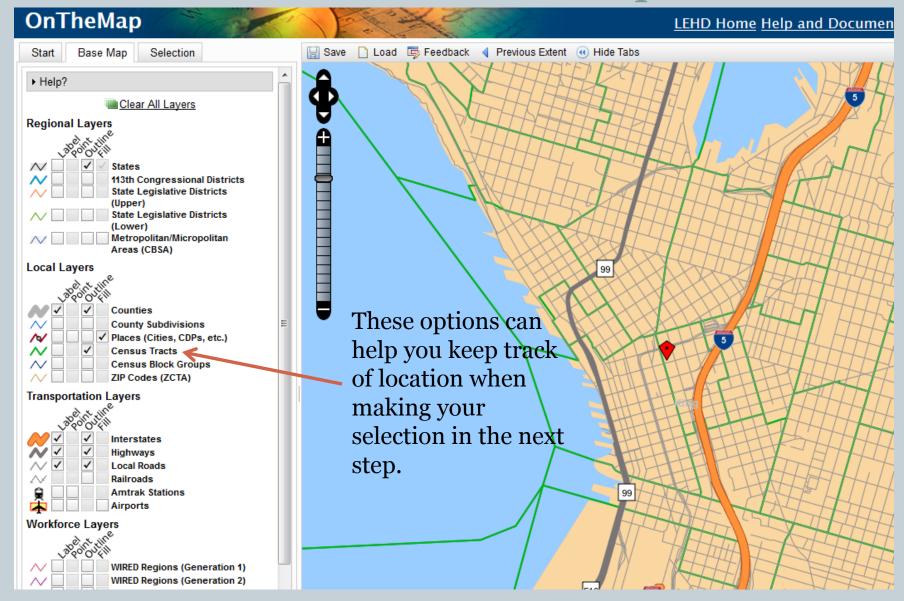
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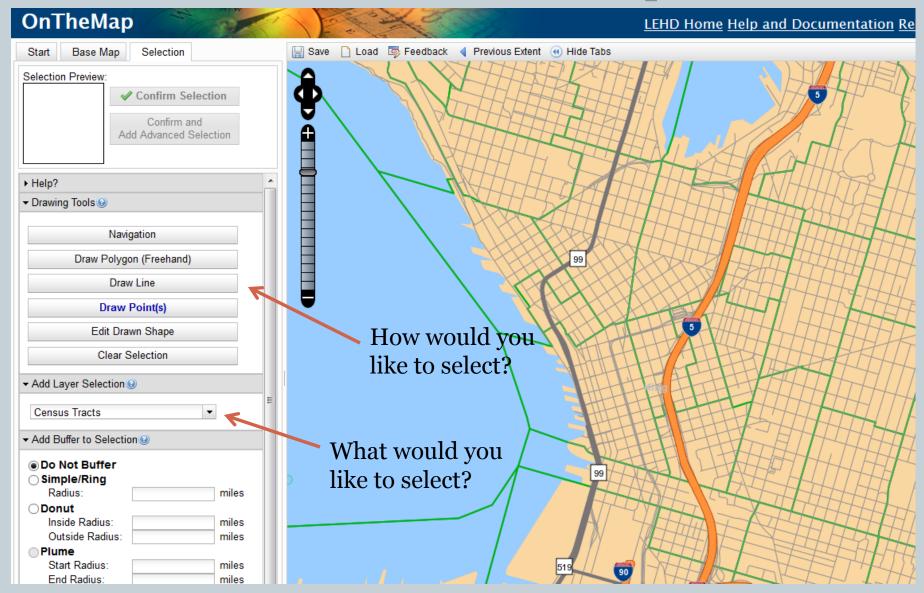
1. Requests for custom data products and analysis are to be submitted in writing through the online

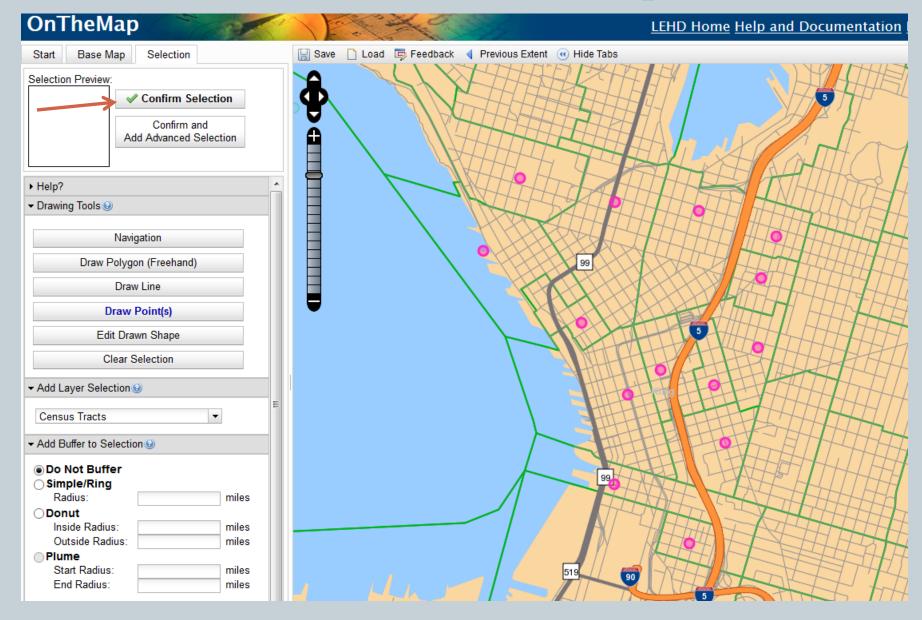
Employment Data

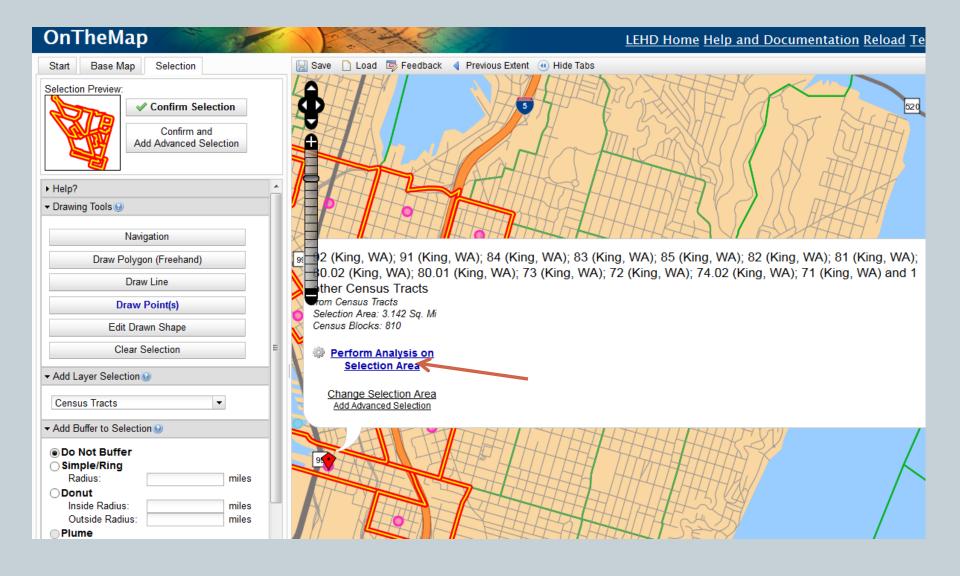
- Puget Sound Regional Council Estimates
 - o Usually slightly more up-to-date than alternate source.
- On the map application
 - Intuitive interface
 - Includes other data than employee counts
 - **Commute patterns**
 - Wages
 - ➤ Race, Age, Sex of workers
 - ➤ Can view by number of workers or number of jobs (some workers have multiple jobs)
 - Can view worker data by place of employment or place of residence

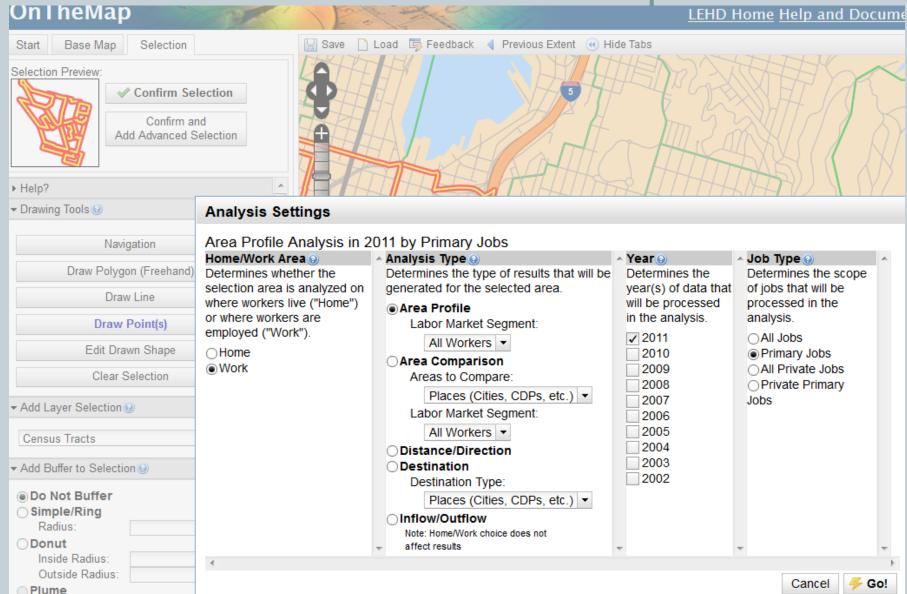


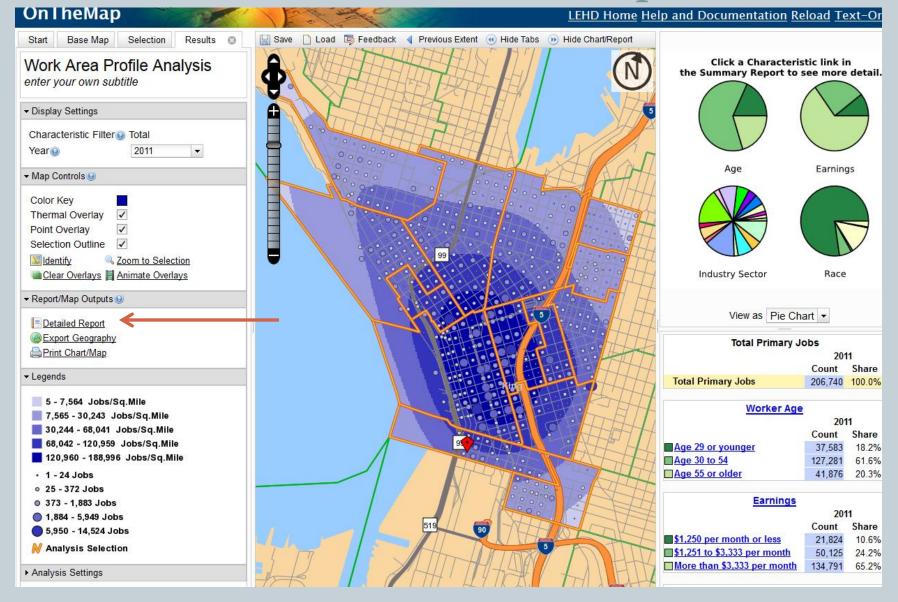


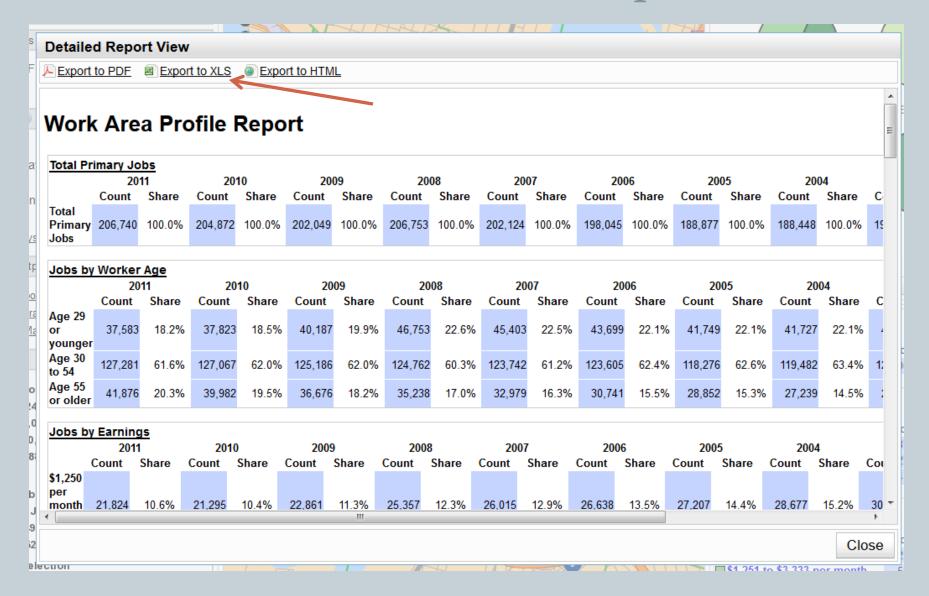












- Modeled after DSA dashboard, with some modification
 - Did "number of firms" instead of "Play" chart; entertainment categories would not work with most neighborhoods due to low number of firms in that category. We kept the food service category and put it as another line on retail.
 - ➤ We did not refine the subcategories as much. Due to the small size of some of the neighbrohoods we cast a wider net to avoid data suppression.
- Same criteria for all neighborhoods
 - Cast a wide net on categories to avoid suppression rules.
 - Mostly government sources (and all meet criteria for replicability, customizability)

Boundaries:

- Used the boundaries from neighborhoods OIS grant applications.
- With exceptions; boundaries were adjusted where two or more neighborhoods overlapped in their "claimed" territory. Where there was conflict or where the boundary was too small to gather data effectively, we favored the urban village or city clerk boundaries.

- What sources did we use:
 - Population: Esri, Census data
 - Employment: PSRC
 - Number of firms and sales data: Washington State Department of Revenue

Let's take a look:

https://public.tableausoftware.com/profile/dsareasearch#!/vizhome/OISNeighborhoodProfileDashboard/NeighborhoodProfileDashboard

- O Dealing with outliers: zero in on them, is there something causing this?
 - ➤ Examples: increases in Lake City driven by automotive sales, drop one year in Othello when Safeway was being remodeled, light rail construction affecting Columbia City and Capitol Hill (and possibly Othello).
 - Examining these could depend on your expertise in the neighborhood but we can also look at finer detail in the data (not available for all neighborhoods due to the suppression rules mentioned); contact me if you want to troubleshoot any particular data points.

Next Steps

- × Your feedback
- ➤ Refining the data for 2015?
 - Refine categories
 - Refine methodology?
 - Different data
 - Different sources?

Questions

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